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$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)\text{X}) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 1.111 \pm 0.043 \pm 0.044 \text{ nb}, \\ \sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S)\text{X}) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.264 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.011 \text{ nb}, \\ \sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S)\text{X}) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.159 \pm 0.020 \pm 0.007 \text{ nb},\end{aligned}$$

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1 Introduction

Studies of the production of heavy quark-antiquark bound systems, such as the $b\bar{b}$ states $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ (indicated generically as Υ in the following) in hadron-hadron interactions probe the dynamics of the colliding partons and provide a unique insight into quantum chromodynamics (QCD). The total production cross-sections and spin configurations of these heavy quarkonium states are currently not reproduced by the theoretical models. These include the colour singlet model [1–5], recently improved by adding higher-order contributions [6, 7], the colour-evaporation model [8], and the non-perturbative colour octet mechanism [9–11], which is investigated in the framework of non-relativistic QCD. The first complete next-to-leading order calculation of Υ production properties [12], based on the non-relativistic QCD factorisation scheme, provides a good description of the measured differential cross-sections at large transverse momentum, p_T , but overestimates the data at low p_T .

The production of Υ mesons in proton-proton (pp) collisions occurs either directly in parton scattering or via feed-down from the decay of heavier prompt bottomonium states, like χ_b [13–16], or higher-mass Υ states. The latter source complicates the theoretical description of bottomonium production [17, 18].

The Large Hadron Collider provides a unique possibility to study bottomonium and charmonium hadroproduction in pp interactions at different collision energies and discriminate between various theoretical approaches. This study presents the first measurement of the inclusive production cross-sections of the three considered Υ mesons in pp collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV. The measurements are performed as functions of the Υ transverse momentum and rapidity, y , separately in six bins of p_T in the range $p_T < 15$ GeV/ c and five bins of y in the range $2.0 < y < 4.5$. The results are reported as products of the cross-sections and the branching fractions of Υ mesons into the dimuon final state. This analysis is complementary to those performed by the ATLAS [19], CMS [20] and LHCb [21, 22] collaborations and allows studies of the Υ production cross-section at forward rapidities as a function of the centre-of-mass energy.

2 Detector and data sample

The LHCb detector [23] is a single-arm forward spectrometer covering the pseudorapidity range $2 < \eta < 5$, designed for the study of particles containing b or c quarks. The detector includes a high-precision tracking system consisting of a silicon-strip vertex detector surrounding the pp interaction region, a large-area silicon-strip detector located upstream of a dipole magnet with a bending power of about 4 Tm, and three stations of silicon-strip detectors and straw drift tubes placed downstream. The combined tracking system provides a momentum measurement with relative uncertainty that varies from 0.4% at 5 GeV/ c to 0.6% at 100 GeV/ c , and impact parameter resolution of 20 μm for tracks with large transverse momentum. Different types of charged hadrons are distinguished by information from two ring-imaging Cherenkov detectors [24]. Photon, electron and hadron candidates are identified by a calorimeter system consisting of scintillating-pad and

preshower detectors, an electromagnetic calorimeter and a hadronic calorimeter. Muons are identified by a system composed of alternating layers of iron and multiwire proportional chambers [25].

The analysis is carried out using a sample of data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 3.3 pb^{-1} collected in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$. Events of interest are preselected by a trigger consisting of a hardware stage, based on information from the calorimeter and muon systems, followed by a software stage, which applies a full event reconstruction. The presence of two muon candidates with the product of their p_{T} larger than $1.68 (\text{GeV}/c)^2$ is required in the hardware trigger. At the software stage, the events are required to contain two well reconstructed tracks with hits in the muon system, having total and transverse momenta greater than $6 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$, respectively. The selected muon candidates are further required to originate from a common vertex and have an invariant mass larger than $4.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.

To determine the acceptance, reconstruction and trigger efficiencies, fully simulated signal samples are reweighted to reproduce the multiplicity distributions for reconstructed primary vertices, tracks and hits in the detector observed in the data. The simulation is performed using the LHCb configuration [26] of the PYTHIA 6.4 event generator [27]. Here, decays of hadronic particles are described by EVTGEN [28] in which final-state photons are generated using PHOTOS [29]. The interaction of the generated particles with the detector and its response are implemented using the GEANT4 toolkit [30,31] as described in Ref. [32].

3 Signal selection and cross-section determination

The selection strategy used in the previous LHCb studies on Υ production [21,22] is applied here. It includes selection criteria that ensure good quality track and vertex reconstruction. In addition, the muon candidates are required to have $p > 10 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $p_{\text{T}} > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$. To further reduce background contamination, a set of additional requirements is employed in this analysis. It consists of tightened criteria on track quality [33], muon identification [34] and a good quality of a global fit of the dimuon vertex with a primary vertex constraint [35].

The invariant mass distribution of the selected $\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ candidates is shown in Fig. 1 for the full kinematic range. The distribution is described by a function similar to the one used in the previous studies on Υ production [21,22]. It models the signal component using the sum of three Crystal Ball functions [36], one for each of the $\Upsilon(1\text{S})$, $\Upsilon(2\text{S})$ and $\Upsilon(3\text{S})$ signals, and includes an exponential component to account for combinatorial background. The position and width of the Crystal Ball function describing the $\Upsilon(1\text{S})$ meson are allowed to vary, while the mass differences between Υ states are fixed to their known values [37] along with parameters describing the radiative tail, as determined from simulation studies. The widths of the $\Upsilon(2\text{S})$ and $\Upsilon(3\text{S})$ peaks are constrained to the value of the width of the $\Upsilon(1\text{S})$ signal scaled by the ratio of their masses to the $\Upsilon(1\text{S})$ mass. In total, five parameters are extracted from the fit for the signal component: the yields of $\Upsilon(1\text{S})$, $\Upsilon(2\text{S})$ and $\Upsilon(3\text{S})$ states, the $\Upsilon(1\text{S})$ mass resolution and its peak position. The latter is found to

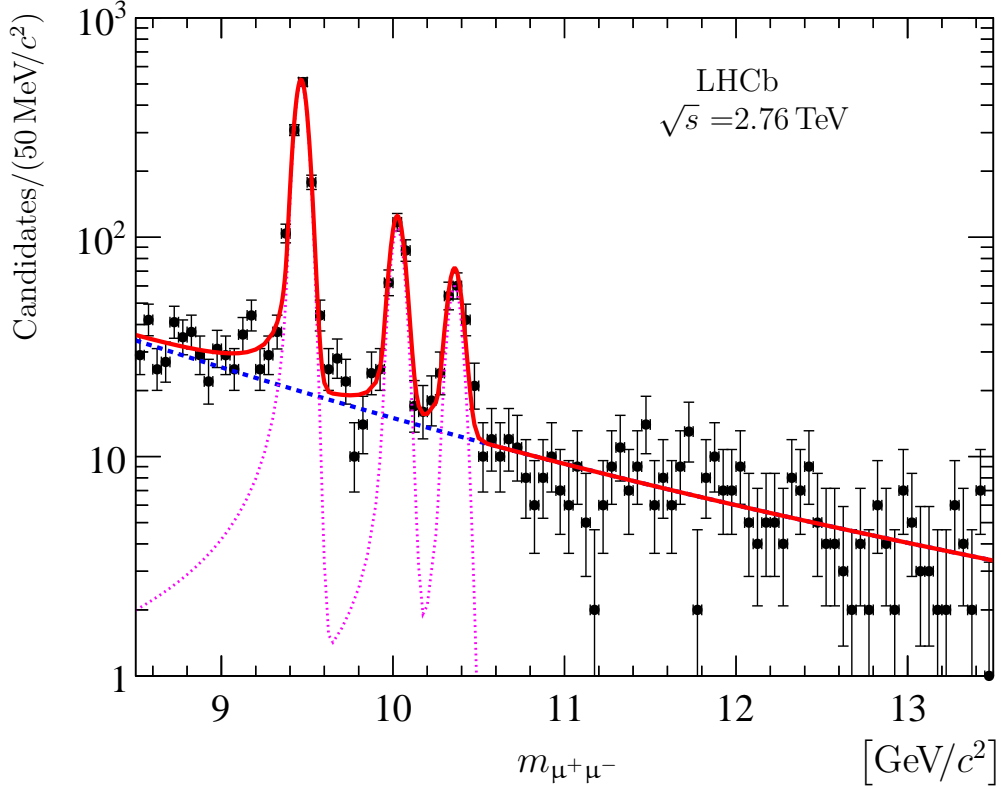


Figure 1: Invariant mass distribution of selected $\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ candidates with $p_T < 15 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $2.0 < y < 4.5$. The result of the fit described in the text is illustrated with a red solid line, while the signal and background components are shown with magenta dotted and blue dashed lines, respectively. The three peaks correspond to the $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ mesons (from left to right).

be consistent with the known mass of the $\Upsilon(1S)$ meson [37], while reasonable agreement is observed between the data and simulation for the $\Upsilon(1S)$ mass resolution.

The Υ production cross-sections are measured separately in six bins of p_T and five bins of y since the limited amount of data does not allow a measurement of double differential cross-sections. For a given p_T or y bin, the differential cross-section for the inclusive Υ production of the three different states decaying into the dimuon final state is determined as

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Upsilon X)}{dp_T} \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{N_{\Upsilon}^{\text{corr}}}{\mathcal{L} \times \Delta p_T}, \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Upsilon X)}{dy} \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) = \frac{N_{\Upsilon}^{\text{corr}}}{\mathcal{L} \times \Delta y}, \quad (1b)$$

where $N_{\Upsilon}^{\text{corr}}$ is the efficiency-corrected yield of $\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decays, \mathcal{L} stands for the integrated luminosity and Δp_T (Δy) denotes the p_T (y) bin size. For the mass fits in individual

p_T and y bins, the $\Upsilon(1S)$ peak position is fixed to the value obtained from the fit for the full kinematic range, while the $\Upsilon(1S)$ mass resolution is parameterised with a function of p_T and y using simulation. The total observed signal yields and their statistical uncertainties for $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ mesons obtained by summation over $p_T(y)$ bins are 1139 ± 37 (1145 ± 37), 271 ± 20 (270 ± 20) and 158 ± 16 (156 ± 16), respectively. These results are in good agreement with the total signal yields obtained from the fit to the reconstructed dimuon invariant mass for the full kinematic range.

Based on the mass fit results in individual bins, the efficiency-corrected yield for each kinematic region is determined as

$$N_{\Upsilon}^{\text{corr}} = \sum_i \frac{w_i^{\Upsilon}}{\varepsilon_i^{\text{tot}}} , \quad (2)$$

where w_i^{Υ} is a signal weight factor, $\varepsilon_i^{\text{tot}}$ is the total signal event efficiency and the sum runs over all candidates i . The w_i^{Υ} factor accounts for the background subtraction and is obtained from the fit using the *sPlot* technique [38]. The total signal event efficiency is calculated for each $\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ candidate as

$$\varepsilon^{\text{tot}} = \varepsilon^{\text{acc}} \times \varepsilon^{\text{rec}} \times \varepsilon^{\text{trg}} \times \varepsilon^{\mu\text{ID}} , \quad (3)$$

where ε^{acc} is the detector acceptance, ε^{rec} is the reconstruction and selection efficiency, ε^{trg} is the trigger efficiency and $\varepsilon^{\mu\text{ID}}$ is the efficiency of muon identification. The efficiencies ε^{acc} , ε^{rec} and ε^{trg} are determined using simulation and further corrected using data-driven techniques to account for small differences in muon reconstruction efficiency between data and simulation [33, 34, 39]. The efficiency $\varepsilon^{\mu\text{ID}}$ is measured directly from data using a tag-and-probe method on a large sample of $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays. The total efficiency-corrected signal yields obtained by summation over $p_T(y)$ bins for $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ mesons are 3678 ± 144 (3684 ± 143), 875 ± 76 (869 ± 75) and 527 ± 65 (515 ± 64), respectively.

The integrated luminosity of the data sample is estimated with the beam-gas imaging method [40–44]. It is based on the beam currents and the measurements of the angles, offsets and transverse profiles of the two colliding bunches, which is achieved by reconstructing beam-gas interaction vertices.

4 Systematic uncertainties

Previous LHCb studies of Υ production [21, 22] showed that the signal efficiency depends on the initial polarisation of Υ mesons. This property was measured in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV by the CMS collaboration at central rapidities and large p_T and was found to be small [45]. Polarisation of other vector quarkonium states, such as J/ψ and $\psi(2S)$ mesons was studied in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV by the LHCb [46, 47] and ALICE [48] collaborations and was also found to be small. This analysis is performed assuming zero polarisation of Υ mesons and no corresponding systematic uncertainty is assigned.

Table 1: Relative systematic uncertainties (in %) affecting the Υ production cross-section measurements in the full kinematic region. The total uncertainties are obtained by adding the individual effects in quadrature.

Source	$\Upsilon(1S)$	$\Upsilon(2S)$	$\Upsilon(3S)$
Luminosity	2.3	2.3	2.3
Fit model and range	0.5	1.0	2.3
Data-simulation agreement			
Radiative tails	1.0	1.0	1.0
Multiplicity reweighting	0.6	0.4	2.0
Efficiency corrections	0.7	1.0	1.0
Track reconstruction	2×0.4	2×0.4	2×0.4
Selection variables	1.0	1.0	1.0
Trigger	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total	3.6	3.7	4.7

The systematic uncertainties affecting the Υ cross-section measurements presented in this paper are summarised in Table 1. These uncertainties are strongly correlated between bins. The largest contribution arises from the absolute luminosity scale, which is determined with a 2.3% uncertainty. It is dominated by the vertex resolution of beam-gas interactions and detector alignment [44].

The influence of the signal extraction technique is studied by varying the fit range and the signal and background parameterisations used in the fit model. The fits are also performed with floating mass and resolution of the $\Upsilon(1S)$ peak and without constraints for the $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ masses. The spread of the extracted signal yields between these scenarios is taken as the corresponding systematic uncertainty. It ranges from 0.4 to 33% for different $p_T(y)$ bins and amounts to 0.5%, 1.0% and 2.3% for the $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ cross-section measurements in the full kinematic region, respectively.

The possible mismodeling of bremsstrahlung simulation for the radiative tail and its effect on the signal shape was addressed in the previous LHCb analysis [22]. It leads to an additional uncertainty of 1.0%.

Several systematic uncertainties are related to the determination of the total efficiency components in Eq. (3). The detector acceptance, reconstruction and selection efficiencies are determined using simulated samples. These are corrected using an iterative procedure to match the multiplicity distributions for reconstructed primary vertices, tracks and hits in the detector with those observed in data. The systematic uncertainty associated with this reweighting procedure is assessed by varying the number of iterative steps. It ranges from 0.4 to 4.8% for different $p_T(y)$ bins and is found to be 0.6%, 0.4% and 2.0% for the $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ cross-section measurements in the full kinematic region, respectively.

The ε^{rec} efficiency is corrected using data-driven techniques for a small difference in the muon reconstruction efficiency between data and simulation [33,34]. The $\varepsilon^{\mu\text{ID}}$ efficiency

is determined from data using alternative methods, based on a tag-and-probe approach on a large sample of $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ decays. The difference between these methods is taken as the corresponding systematic uncertainty. It is combined with the uncertainties associated with the correction factors discussed above and propagated to the Υ cross-section measurements using 400 pseudo-experiments. The resulting uncertainty ranges from 1.0 to 13% for different $p_T(y)$ bins and amounts to 0.7%, 1.0% and 1.0% for the $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ cross-section measurements in the full kinematic region, respectively.

To account for differences between the actual tracking efficiency and that estimated with simulation using data-driven techniques [33, 39], a systematic uncertainty of 0.4% is assigned per track.

Good agreement between the data and reweighted simulation is observed for all selection variables used in this analysis, in particular for the χ^2 of the dimuon vertex fit and the χ^2 of the global fit [35]. The discrepancies do not exceed 1.0%, which is conservatively taken as a systematic uncertainty to account for the disagreement between the data and simulation.

The systematic uncertainty associated with the trigger requirements is assessed by studying the performance of the dimuon trigger, described in Sect. 2, for events selected using the single muon high- p_T trigger [49]. The fractions of signal $\Upsilon(1S)$ events selected using both trigger requirements are compared for the data and simulation in bins of dimuon p_T , and a systematic uncertainty of 2.0% is assigned.

5 Results

The integrated Υ production cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions in the kinematic region $p_T < 15 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $2.0 < y < 4.5$ are measured to be

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)X) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 1.111 \pm 0.043 \pm 0.044 \text{ nb}, \\ \sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S)X) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.264 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.011 \text{ nb}, \\ \sigma(\text{pp} \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S)X) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.159 \pm 0.020 \pm 0.007 \text{ nb},\end{aligned}$$

where the first uncertainty is statistical and the second systematic.

The single differential cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions are shown as functions of p_T and y in Fig. 2 and summarised in Table 2. The total uncertainties of the results are dominated by statistical effects in all p_T and y bins. In addition to the data, Fig. 2 reports theoretical predictions, based on the next-to-leading order non-relativistic QCD calculation [18], for the Υ differential cross-sections in the kinematic region $6 < p_T < 15 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $2.0 < y < 4.5$. The long-distance matrix elements used in the calculations are fitted to CDF [50] and D0 [51] results for $\Upsilon(1S)$ production in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ and 1.96 TeV. The predictions include the feed-down contributions from higher excited S-wave and P-wave $b\bar{b}$ states. Good agreement between the data and predictions is found for all three Υ states. The dependence of the Υ cross-sections on y is found to be more pronounced than at higher collision energies [21, 22], which is in line with theoretical expectations presented for example in Ref. [52].

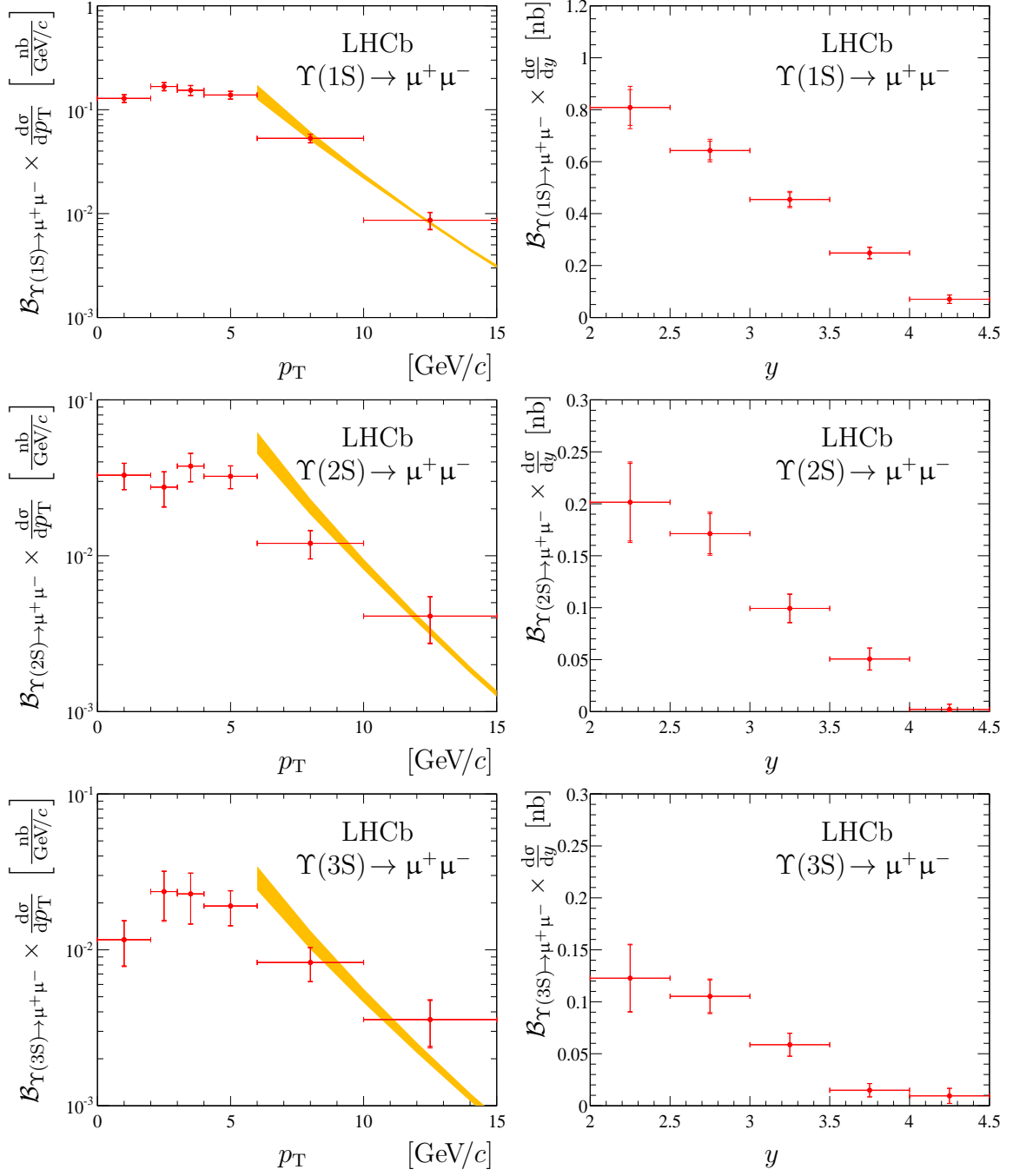


Figure 2: Differential cross-sections for $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ mesons times dimuon branching fractions as functions of p_T (left) and y (right). The inner error bars indicate the statistical uncertainty, while the outer error bars indicate the sum of statistical and systematic uncertainties in quadrature. The next-to-leading order non-relativistic QCD predictions [18] are shown by the solid yellow band.

Table 2: Cross-sections for $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ mesons times dimuon branching fractions (in nb) in bins of p_T and y without normalisation to the bin sizes. The first uncertainty is statistical and the second is systematic.

p_T [GeV/ c]	$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
0–2	$0.257 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.011$	$0.066 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.007$	$0.023 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.002$
2–3	$0.167 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.007$	$0.028 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.002$	$0.024 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.002$
3–4	$0.154 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.009$	$0.038 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.002$	$0.023 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.001$
4–6	$0.277 \pm 0.023 \pm 0.013$	$0.065 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.003$	$0.038 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.002$
6–10	$0.212 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.008$	$0.048 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.002$	$0.033 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.001$
10–15	$0.043 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.003$	$0.020 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.001$	$0.018 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.002$

y	$\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
2.0–2.5	$0.404 \pm 0.034 \pm 0.022$	$0.101 \pm 0.019 \pm 0.005$	$0.061 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.003$
2.5–3.0	$0.321 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.012$	$0.086 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.004$	$0.053 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.003$
3.0–3.5	$0.227 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.008$	$0.050 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.002$	$0.029 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.001$
3.5–4.0	$0.124 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.005$	$0.025 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.001$	$0.007 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.001$
4.0–4.5	$0.035 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.002$	$0.001 \pm 0.003 \pm 0.001$	$0.005 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.001$

Table 3: Ratios of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$ cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions as functions of p_T and y . The first uncertainty is statistical and the second is systematic.

p_T [GeV/ c]	$\mathcal{R}^{2S/1S}$	$\mathcal{R}^{3S/1S}$
0–2	$0.257 \pm 0.053 \pm 0.009$	$0.090 \pm 0.030 \pm 0.006$
2–3	$0.165 \pm 0.044 \pm 0.007$	$0.141 \pm 0.050 \pm 0.010$
3–4	$0.244 \pm 0.056 \pm 0.007$	$0.148 \pm 0.055 \pm 0.006$
4–6	$0.233 \pm 0.043 \pm 0.007$	$0.138 \pm 0.037 \pm 0.005$
6–10	$0.227 \pm 0.051 \pm 0.006$	$0.157 \pm 0.041 \pm 0.004$
10–15	$0.474 \pm 0.179 \pm 0.031$	$0.413 \pm 0.155 \pm 0.029$

y	$\mathcal{R}^{2S/1S}$	$\mathcal{R}^{3S/1S}$
2.0–2.5	$0.249 \pm 0.051 \pm 0.007$	$0.152 \pm 0.042 \pm 0.006$
2.5–3.0	$0.266 \pm 0.033 \pm 0.007$	$0.164 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.007$
3.0–3.5	$0.219 \pm 0.032 \pm 0.004$	$0.129 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.003$
3.5–4.0	$0.204 \pm 0.046 \pm 0.004$	$0.060 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.003$

Figure 3 illustrates the ratios of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\mathcal{R}^{2S/1S}$, and $\Upsilon(3S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\mathcal{R}^{3S/1S}$, cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions as functions of p_T and y . Here, most of the systematic uncertainties on the cross-sections cancel, while the statistical uncertainties remain significant. The ratios are found to be in good agreement with the corresponding results obtained in the previous analyses on Υ production at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV [21, 22]. The measured $\mathcal{R}^{2S/1S}$ and $\mathcal{R}^{3S/1S}$ are also consistent with theoretical predictions presented in Refs. [52–54], where the $\Upsilon(3S)$ meson is considered as a mixture

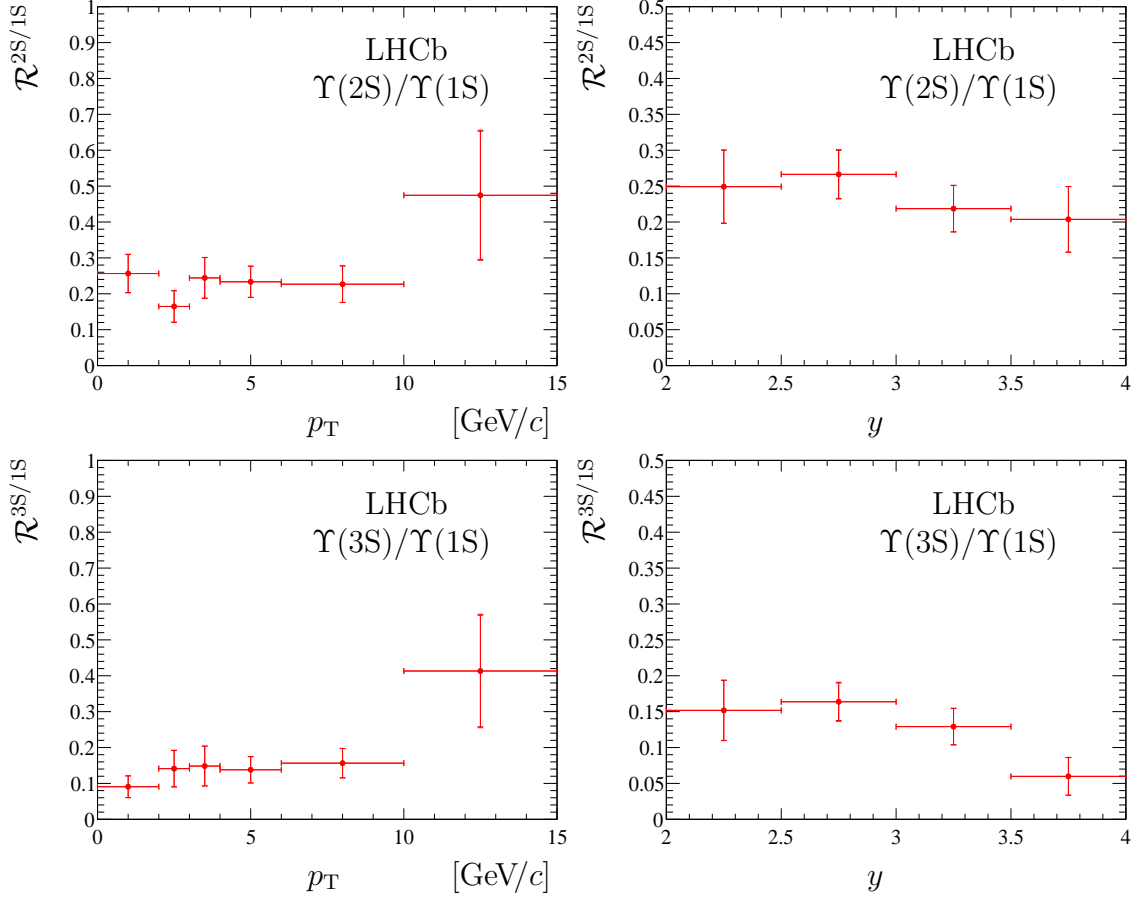


Figure 3: Ratios of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$ cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions as functions of p_T and y . The error bars indicate the total uncertainties of the results obtained by adding statistical and systematic uncertainties in quadrature.

of normal $b\bar{b}$ and hybrid $b\bar{b}g$ states. Table 3 lists $\mathcal{R}^{2S/1S}$ and $\mathcal{R}^{3S/1S}$ for each p_T and y bin.

To provide a reference for a future LHCb measurement of Υ production with pPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5$ TeV, the Υ cross-sections are measured in the reduced kinematic region $p_T < 15$ GeV/ c and $2.5 < y < 4.0$. The corresponding integrated cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions in this kinematic region are

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Upsilon(1S)X) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(1S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.670 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.026 \text{ nb}, \\
\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Upsilon(2S)X) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(2S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.159 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.007 \text{ nb}, \\
\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Upsilon(3S)X) \times \mathcal{B}(\Upsilon(3S) \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) &= 0.089 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.004 \text{ nb}.
\end{aligned}$$

6 Conclusions

The production of $\Upsilon(1S)$, $\Upsilon(2S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ mesons is observed for the first time in pp collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV at forward rapidities with a data sample corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 3.3 pb^{-1} . The Υ differential production cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions are measured separately as functions of the Υ transverse momentum and rapidity for $p_T < 15 \text{ GeV}/c$ and $2.0 < y < 4.5$. The theoretical predictions, based on the next-to-leading order non-relativistic QCD calculation, provide a good description of the data at large p_T . The ratios of the $\Upsilon(2S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$ and $\Upsilon(3S)$ to $\Upsilon(1S)$ cross-sections times dimuon branching fractions as functions of p_T and y are found to be in agreement with the corresponding results obtained at higher collision energies.

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